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SUBJECT: FRENCH AIDE-MEMOIRE ON CONCORDE

1. BELOW IN INFORMAL TRANSLATION IS TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE
ON CONCORDE GIVEN ME BY FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD
ON DEC. 10. MEETING IS REPORTED SEPTEL. FRENCH TEXT OF
AIDE-MEMOIRE POUCHED DEPT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAVING REMARKED
TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT NO RECENT DE-
MARCHE HAD BEEN MADE BY THE FRENCH AND BRITISH AUTHORI-
TIES TO MARK THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO CONCORDE
SERVICE TO NEW YORK, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
FEELS COMPELLED TO ASK THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF HIS GOVERN-
MENT TO THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

1) IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT CONCORDE BE PERMITTED TO
LAND AT NEW YORK IN CONFORMITY WITH MR. COLEMAN'S DECI-
SION OF FEBRUARY 4, 1976.

--FOR AIR FRANCE AND BRITISH AIRWAYS SERVICE TO KEN-
NEDY AIRPORT
IS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE PROFITABILITY OF THEIR
SUPERSONIC OPERATIONS, IN VIEW OF THE SIZE OF THE INVEST-
MENT WHICH PURCHASE OF CONCORDE REPRESENTS FOR THESE
COMPANIES.

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--FOR CONCORDE'S CONSTRUCTORS, THAT IS, THE FRENCH

AND BRITISH AERONAUTICAL INDUSTRIES, THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM NOW HINGES ON SALE OF THE AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, THE RESULT OF DELIBERATIONS UNDERWAY WITH SEVERAL FOREIGN AIR CARRIERS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THAT THE SALE OF THE AIRCRAFT DEPENDS LARGELY ON THE POSSIBILITY OF WHETHER OR NOT IT CAN LAND AT NEW YORK.

--THE MEASUREMENTS WHICH THE FAA HAS TAKEN AT WASHINGTON DURING THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS SHOW THAT CONCORDE'S IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT CONFORMS TO THE ESTIMATES CONTAINED IN THE EIS ON THE BASIS OF WHICH MR. COLEMAN TOOK THE DECISION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERSONIC TO LAND AT WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK.

2) AS CONCERNS THE OBLIGATIONS STEMMING FROM INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, THE LEGAL POSITION OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT REMAINS THAT SET FORTH IN THE REPLY TO THE QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE GIVEN TO THE FRENCH AND BRITISH AUTHORITIES BY MR. COLEMAN DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 5, 1976.

3) SINCE THE CONCORDE PROGRAM IS A MAJOR TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENT FOR FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN, ITS FAILURE WOULD HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT ON PUBLIC OPINION IN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

IT WOULD BE HIGHLY REGRETTABLE, IN VIEW OF THE TRADITIONAL RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES, THAT SUCH A FAILURE COULD BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST IT IN THE UNITED STATES.

PARIS, DECEMBER 10, 1976. END TEXT.

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